

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A method for adjusting the length of a stent delivery catheter, comprising:

providing a stent delivery catheter having a handle, an inner member, and an outer member and a platform removably attached to the handle;

cutting the catheter outer member along a first cutting line extending generally longitudinally along the length of the catheter outer member, whereby the catheter outer member is split along the first cutting line; and

peeling the catheter outer member away from the catheter inner member, whereby the catheter outer member is peeled along the first cutting line.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 10, wherein the catheter inner member has a distal end and a proximal end, the method further comprising:

cutting off a selected portion of the catheter inner member, wherein the selected portion is adjacent to the catheter inner member proximal end.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, further comprising:

cutting the catheter outer member along a second cutting line extending generally longitudinally along the length of the catheter outer member, whereby the catheter outer member is split along the second cutting line.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The method of claim 12, whereby the second cutting line extends generally parallel to the first cutting line.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, wherein the stent delivery catheter comprises a first cutting device in engagement with the catheter outer member, wherein cutting the catheter outer member along the first cutting line comprises:

sliding the first cutting device along the catheter with the first cutting device engaging the catheter outer member along the first cutting line, whereby the catheter outer member is split along the first cutting line.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The method of claim 14, wherein the stent delivery catheter comprises a second cutting device in engagement with the catheter outer member, the method further comprising:

sliding the second cutting device along the catheter outer member along a second cutting line extending generally longitudinally along the length of the catheter outer member, whereby the catheter outer member is split along the second cutting line.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The method of claim 10, wherein the stent delivery catheter comprises a first cutting device and a second cutting device, with the first cutting device and the second cutting device both secured to a slider mechanism slidably disposed on the catheter outer member, the method comprising:

sliding the slider mechanism along the catheter outer member with the first cutting device engaging the outer member along a first cutting line and with the second cutting device engaging the outer member along a second cutting line, whereby the catheter outer member is split into two halves defined by the first cutting line and the second cutting line.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A catheter comprising:

an elongated catheter member having a distal end and a proximal end;

a catheter handle secured to the elongated catheter member; and

a platform removably secured to the catheter handle.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 17, wherein the removable platform comprises protruding stabilizers.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 17, wherein the removable platform has a lower surface that is generally curved.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 17 wherein the removable platform is slidably secured to the catheter handle.

Claims 21-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 17, wherein the elongated catheter member includes an inner member and an outer member.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 24, wherein the catheter handle is slideable with respect to the outer member.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 25, wherein the catheter handle includes structure securing the catheter handle to the outer member.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 26, wherein the handle further includes a knob, the knob being slideable with respect to the handle.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 27, wherein the knob is attached to the outer member.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 28, wherein the catheter handle further includes a cutter, the cutter configured within an interior of the catheter handle.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 29, wherein the cutter is slideable with respect to the catheter handle.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 30, wherein the cutter is attached to the knob.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 31, wherein the cutter is slideable with respect to the outer member.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The catheter of claim 32, wherein the cutter is configured to longitudinally dissect the outer member.